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IN RE APPLICATION OF
LEONHARD FEILER ET AL.

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FOR: BENZOFURAN-2-ONE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants present the instant Preliminary Amendment for entry and consideration in order to place the instant application in better condition for examination on its merits and for allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

Please amend the above-identified patent application, without prejudice, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 3 and 4 as follows:

Claim 3 (amended) line 1, delete "any one of claims 1 and 2" and insert --claim 1--.

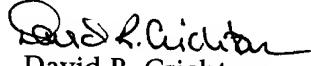
Claim 4 (amended) line 1, delete "any one of claims 1, 2 and 3" and insert --claim 1--.

Remarks

Upon entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-15 are pending. Multiple dependencies in claims 3 and 4 have been eliminated. No new matter has been added.

In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants aver that the instant claims are now in better condition for examination on the merits. Early favorable action is respectfully solicited. If minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted


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